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# New judges herald reform

### Top legal roles for Bingham and Woolf

Clare Dyer  
Legal Correspondent

**T**HE top jobs in the English judiciary are to go to two of the most radical thinkers among senior judges, heralding what could be an unprecedented era of legal reform.

In an announcement likely to be made on Thursday, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, is to become Lord Chief Justice, and Lord Woolf the new Master of the Rolls. The shake-up has been precipitated by Lord Taylor's premature retirement through illness after only four years as Lord Chief Justice. The change means that Sir Thomas will move from heading the civil side of the Court of Appeal to running its criminal division, while Lord Woolf transfers down from the House of Lords.

Both men are noted for their willingness to approach matters from first principles, sweeping aside the traditional assumptions which have blocked fundamental reform of the legal system.

Lord Woolf, who chaired the Strangeways Inquiry, will soon unveil the final part of his blueprint for the most radical overhaul of the civil justice system for a century, making it cheaper, quicker and more accessible.

The appointments should also lower the temperature between the Government and the judiciary over sentencing policy. While both men are staunch defenders of judicial independence, both are less confrontational in style than predecessors such as Lord Taylor and Lord Donaldson.

The appointments were welcomed last night by Lord Lester, QC, the Liberal Democrat peer and human rights lawyer. "They are both modern, enlightened, strong judges, who will ensure that the judiciary continues to modernise the judicial system to the extent to which judges

can do so without Parliament," he said.

The Labour peer and libel lawyer Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC said Sir Thomas was "extremely well-equipped intellectually and also a radical thinker."

Sir Thomas emerged as a more politically acceptable candidate than the other front-runner, Lord Justice Rose, a more experienced criminal judge, but a critic of Home Secretary Michael Howard's "three strikes and out" sentencing proposals.

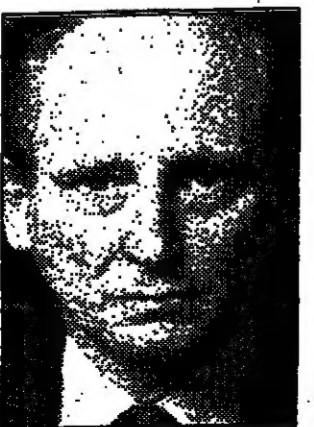
Sir Thomas said that while such sentences had not worked in America, they did not threaten the judges' independence. "As Parliament can prescribe a maximum penalty without infringing the constitutional independence of the judges, so it can prescribe a minimum."

He added: "The citizen is entitled to expect the legal system to protect him and there is a widespread sense of insecurity. Ministers were also grateful for his defence of the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, in the wake of the Scott report. He said Sir Nicholas was "doing his best in good faith" when he signed public immunity certificates.

Though the House of Lords is a higher court than the Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls takes precedence over the law lords as second only to the Lord Chief Justice.

Lord Woolf recently warned politicians who mutter about curbing the judges' power by abolishing judicial review that "if Parliament did the unthinkable, then I would say that the courts would also be required to act in a manner which would be without precedent... I myself would consider there were advantages in making it clear that ultimately there are even limits on the supremacy of Parliament which it is the courts' inalienable responsibility to identify and uphold."

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Sir Thomas Bingham (left) and Lord Justice Woolf



'I believe I have given strength to others... to challenge the treatment they are receiving'



PC Karen Wade leaving the tribunal yesterday, after her sexual harassment claims were rejected. PHOTOGRAPH: ROSS PARRY

## Policewoman loses sex case battle

Martin Wainwright

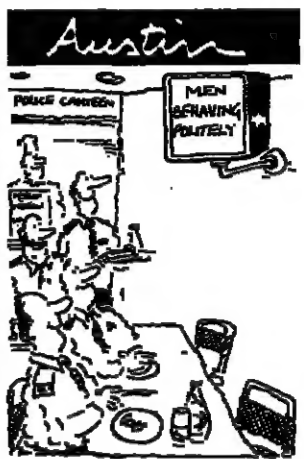
**A** POLICEWOMAN who claimed she was subjected to nine months of humiliation and victimisation by three male colleagues lost her case for sexual harassment yesterday. PC Karen Wade, aged 37, put her head in her hands and sobbed after complaints of persistent and obscene sexual harassment were rejected by a Leeds industrial tribunal. She is to appeal.

PC Wade, who intends to return to duty with West Yorkshire police, said she did not regret bringing the case. "I believe I have given strength to other women... in this position, to stand up and challenge the treatment they are receiving."

West Yorkshire's chief constable, Keith Hellawell, stressed that eliminating sexual harassment was a long-term challenge. "To end harassment of people particularly in relation to their sex or colour of their skin isn't easy. It is something that is going to take generations. This is one step along the road."

PC Wade had brought the case against the force, PC Dean Mountain, aged 30, Sergeant Ian Devey, aged 32, and Sergeant Paul Fountain, aged 30. The officers were accused of taunting PC Wade, who has been off sick for 10 months, barring her career development, and forcing her to make tea "because she is a woman".

They denied all the complaints, including a claim that PC Mountain had invited a detained glue sniffer to have sex with PC Wade in a police van. It was also claimed she was nicknamed Stripper, Tart, Cabbage and Bianca after the EastEnders TV soap character she was said to resemble. Hilary McLaughlin, solicitor for the officers, said: "Not one iota of evidence has been offered to support these



allegations."

The case raised disquieting claims of routine sexual bullying in the West Yorkshire force. Its specialist officer for women staff, Sergeant Jane McGill, aged 43, gave evidence of a "hidden culture of harassment", which survived because so few women would publicly complain.

She revealed she had been indecently assaulted four times and had enjoyed a good career only by not making a fuss.

Maureen Baker, representing PC Wade, said: "There is a culture in the police that you do not grass on your colleagues. Listening to the details in the tribunal, I felt as if there was a ventriloquist in there. Not only did they deny the offences but they did so in identical language. PC Wade had shown enormous courage in bringing the case, and there was considerable consolation in the majority verdicts which cleared PC Mountain and Sergeant Devey. Sergeant Fountain and West Yorkshire police were cleared unanimously."

Mrs Baker said: "Since this began, I have been contacted by 11 other women in the force with harassment allegations."

## Sinn Fein offers weapons hope

### Adams pledges to sign Mitchell principles, but London insists ceasefire is essential to talks

David Sharrock  
and Patrick Wintour

**S**INN FEIN'S president, Gerry Adams, said last night his party was prepared to sign up to the six principles established by an international body to resolve the deadlock in Northern Ireland over illegally held weapons.

The announcement, made during an interview on BBC television, was immediately countered by John Major's office, which made it clear that such an undertaking would not be enough to get Sinn Fein a place at the all-party talks, which begin on June 10.

"The need for a ceasefire is paramount," a spokesman said.

The Dublin government said the Sinn Fein move was welcome, but added: "The government hope that today's statement can be built upon and that the IRA reinstate its ceasefire so that the circumstances will be right for the success of fully inclusive all-party talks on June 10."

Mr Adams's decision may boost his party's standing in the May 30 Northern Ireland Forum elections, which will also elect negotiators to the talks, but appears at this stage not to have any direct implications for a restoration of the IRA ceasefire.

In his interview, Mr Adams repeatedly asserted that Sinn Fein and the IRA were not the same organisation.

"I will sign up to the Mitchell principles provided everyone else is doing it, and pro-

vided they are in the context of proper all-party talks, because all of those issues are entirely within Sinn Fein's public policy," he said.

The Mitchell principles are named after the former US senator George Mitchell, whose three-man team set out the basis for paramilitary decommissioning.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, was sceptical, saying Sinn Fein would have to give "their total and absolute commitment to principles", including ending punishment beatings.

"Even the dog in the street knows Sinn Fein/IRA are part and parcel of the one organisation, and for Sinn Fein to try to separate itself from the IRA would appear to be simply a sham," he said.

There is considerable speculation about the significance of Mr Adams's announcement. Some believe it is a sign the IRA does not intend to renew its ceasefire in time for the start of the talks, thus embarrassing the Government by forcing it to decide whether or not to bar Sinn Fein, which would undoubtedly stage a demonstration at Stormont and claim its renewed electoral mandate was being ignored.

The move could also be seen as further movement towards a formal separation between Sinn Fein and the IRA, which many observers say would be very difficult to achieve.

### Principles

- Accept democratic and exclusively peaceful means of resolving issues.
- Disarmament of paramilitary organisations.
- Disarmament verifiable independently.
- Renounce themselves, and oppose force by others.
- Accept any agreement in the talks and use only peaceful means to alter it.
- Stop punishments.

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Officers search for evidence on a sliproad off the M25 in Kent, alongside the Bedford van whose passenger was knifed to death

PHOTOGRAPH BY FIONA HANSON

# Police study tapes in hunt for road rage killer

Sarah Boseley

POLICE were last night studying stills and video tape from roadside cameras in the hope of identifying the driver who knifed to death Stephen Cameron, aged 21, in an apparent fit of road rage.

Detective Superintendent John Grace, of Kent police, echoed the advice of motoring organisations in urging drivers never to let their fury at people's stupidities provoke them into a roadside row. "It would urge drivers to avoid confrontations. It just isn't worth it."

Officers were yesterday searching for the murder weapon, thought to be a thin-bladed knife about 2cm in width. Mr Cameron was stabbed after arguing with the driver of a dark Land Rover Discovery at junction three of the M25, near Swanley, Kent, at Sunday lunchtime.

The Discovery is said to have overtaken a red Bedford van, driven by Mr Cameron's girlfriend, on the roundabout. When the vehicles stopped at traffic lights, the Discovery driver got out and an argument began. Mr Cameron, the passenger in the van, also got out and was stabbed.

His attacker was reported to have fled down the M25 towards the Dartford tunnel. Tape from the tunnel's video surveillance system, and stills from motorway speed-trap cameras, are being examined. Mr Cameron, an electrical engineer who lived with his parents in Swanley, was dead on arrival at hospital.

Police said the attacker was white, in his late 50s to early 60s, with brown but greying collar-length wavy hair. He was about 5ft 10in tall, clean shaven, and wearing jeans and a dark bomber jacket.

Mr Cameron's family yesterday left flowers at the scene of the attack. On one bouquet his parents had written "To Steve, we will miss you always, love forever, mum and dad." His mother added: "I will love you, cherish you and be with you forever."

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Stephen Cameron, aged 21, who was stabbed to death in front of his girlfriend, after a roadside argument

# Animal aggression drives motorists to violence

Increase in violent confrontations blamed on defence of territory and preservation of personal space as traffic jams grow

Sarah Boseley

TWELVE years ago, "road rage" was invented by the Los Angeles Times to describe the violence meted out by a pick-up truck driver, who shot dead a Cadillac driver after being cut up on the freeway.

They may have found an apt form of words, but neither the newspaper nor the truck driver invented this form of aggression. Peter Marsh, a psychologist, found newspaper clippings dating back to the 1930s, featuring "people leaping out of cars and bashing each other's headlights". If road rage is becoming

more frequent and serious, it is because we are now jammed bumper to bumper. We see our car, said Dr Marsh, as an extension of our personal space, and like animals we defend that space when we feel it threatened. "People in a car have one of those rare opportunities in their lives for total self-determination. You decide how fast you are going to go, whether you will play loud music or eat a sandwich," said Dr Marsh, who works for an independent company called MCM Research.

In January, the Lex Report on Motoring found that up to three-quarters of drivers had been victims of some sort of road rage. Last year, there were 1.8 million cases of drivers forced to swerve or pull off the road by other motorists, and 250,000 who had been physically attacked. In a further 800,000 incidents, drivers were threatened and 500,000 had their cars deliberately driven into.

An AA spokesman said: "Studies of animal behaviour have shown how rats and various primates can respond aggressively in response to overcrowding. It is reasonable to suggest that humans respond in a comparable manner." The RAC has for some time been lobbying government departments for action to curb

road rage. "Our repeated calls have been met with inaction," its spokeswoman said. Both motoring organisations urge drivers to stay cool and mind their manners to avoid succumbing to road rage or becoming a victim. Do not bite back, they say — never assume something that annoys you was intended to be aggressive. Do not "have a go" or try to teach another driver a lesson. If threatened, lock the doors and windows and drive to a built-up area or service station sounding your horn and flashing your lights.

# Instant £100 for investors in Railtrack

Keith Harper and Simon Beavis

SMALL investors were last night sitting on instant profits averaging more than £100 as the Government's most controversial privatisation to date, the £1.93 billion sale of Railtrack, provoked renewed accusations that valuable state assets were being sold on the cheap.

As opposition parties queued up to denounce the sale, big institutions — led by heavy American buying — scrambled to build positions in the company that runs the national rail and signalling network.

In hectic trading, thousands of small investors realised instant profits of 30p a share as the shares shot up from their 190p first instalment price to close at 220.5p, having at one time touched a high of 227.5p.

The sale will raise less for the Treasury than the £2 billion of taxpayers' money it pays out each year to keep the railway running.

Leading fund managers in the City underlined the risks attached to the sell-off, which has been dogged by political controversy. Although they expect the shares to trade at a premium for some time, most big investors are wary about Railtrack's long-term prospects, with John Major defending a one-seat majority and the possibility of a hostile Labour government.

One fund manager said: "We just have to wait for the next Tory MP to die and there will be an inevitable knee-jerk reaction to the heightened political risk."

Ministers clearly relieved to be relieved of the sell-off, quickly claimed that the huge demand for shares underlined the public's confidence in the privatisation process.

Transport Secretary Sir George Young said: "I am delighted to welcome Railtrack's new shareholders on board and am confident that private sector ownership and management will improve Railtrack's efficiency, resulting in benefits to both passengers and shareholders."

But the shadow transport secretary, Clare Short, said

the Government would have to take full responsibility for the damage the cut-price sale would cause.

"It is possible to sell anything if the price is low enough, but the Government has had to sweeten, distort and mislead to ensure that Railtrack is sold," she said.

She warned that once the special dividend — being paid out of past profits from when Railtrack was in the public sector — was handed out in September the shares would crash. "Under this Government, Railtrack faces an uncertain future, with a volatile share price which is likely to drop sharply once sweeteners have been paid."

David Chidgey, the Liberal Democrat transport spokesman, said the company had been given away and warned that the shareholders' windfall would be short-lived. "We will be insisting on strong regulation in the next Parliament. There will be no bonanza for shareholders."

Academics supported the view that Railtrack and the rest of the privatised railway system would face a troubled life in the private sector. Oxford Economic Research Associates, leading experts on the privatised utilities, warn today that many British rail services are losing making and will continue to be so.

But with the Government and its advisers, SBC Warburg, carefully structuring the sale to guarantee investors handsome short-term returns, few showed signs of panic yesterday.

The offer was heavily oversubscribed, with 650,000 applications from the public for shares, most of which had to be scaled back.

The public allocation was boosted from 30 to 48.3 per cent when the Government clawed back shares from the big City institutions. This fuelled demand in City dealing rooms, provoking an early frenzy among big investors.

Overseas interest came mostly from big US investors, who were thought last night to have bought up about 10 per cent of the issue.

It was clear that many private investors had taken the opportunity to cash in on a quick profit by selling their shares immediately.

# Iraq accepts UN oil for food deal

Ian Black in London and Mark Tran in New York

THE international stranglehold on Iraq loosened yesterday when Saddam Hussein agreed to a United Nations plan to allow him to sell oil to buy food and medicine for his suffering people.

The United States and Britain — anticipating that Baghdad would present the deal as a prelude to a wider relaxation of sanctions and Iraq's eventual rehabilitation — insisted sanctions would remain.

The White House hailed the deal as an "important victory" for the UN while Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said sanctions were unlikely to be lifted while President Saddam remained in power.

The agreement, under UN Resolution 986, allows Baghdad to sell \$2 billion (£1.33 billion) worth of oil over six months and buy food to be distributed under strict international supervision.

President Saddam's decision to accept it after years of

insulted rejection and months of fitful negotiation is a calculated move, he hopes will boost his position. Diplomats said President Saddam might try to divert existing resources from illicit oil sales to finance arms purchases.

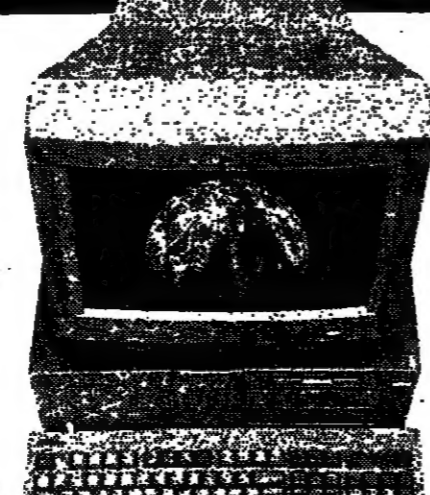
Washington and London say sanctions must stay until Baghdad pays compensation to victims of the Gulf war, releases all prisoners, and cooperates with the UN commission tracking down Iraq's arsenal of missiles and nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons.

The pact is expected to reduce petrol prices worldwide. It will go some way to defusing criticism of the maintenance of the punishing oil embargo even though civilians have borne the brunt of its impact and President Saddam's position remains entrenched.

About 30 per cent of oil revenue must go into an escrow account to pay claims against Iraq. Between \$180 million and \$160 million every 90 days must go to the Kurds. Mr Rifkind blamed President Saddam for causing his people suffering.

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# Catholics find compromise archbishop

Madeline Bunting  
Religious Affairs Editor

**A**BATTLE between rival Catholic factions is expected to end today with the naming of a compromise candidate, Patrick Kelly, the Bishop of Salford, as the new Archbishop of Liverpool.

He had been widely tipped as the most likely and popular choice to succeed Derek Worlock who died last February. He shares with Archbishop Worlock a conservative approach to theology and doctrine combined with a concern for social issues and commitment to ecumenicalism.

Speculation in Liverpool had prompted fears that the Vatican would impose a conservative to appease traditionalist critics of Archbishop Worlock's alliance with his Anglican counterpart, David Sheppard, in a city which has

been riven by sectarian feuds for generations.

The announcement due to be made in Liverpool this morning will be greeted with relief by both critics and supporters of Archbishop Worlock as the best compromise.

His appointment follows an unusually comprehensive consultation of all the members of the English Conference of Bishops by the Vatican since Archbishop Worlock sent in his resignation to the Pope in March 1995 following his 76th birthday.

Bishop Kelly, 57, has been Bishop of Salford for 12 years, and will bring considerable pastoral experience to bear in what is considered one of the toughest jobs in the Catholic Church, running the archdiocese of Liverpool which has one of the greatest concentrations of Catholics in England.

He was rector and lecturer at Oscott college, a seminary in Birmingham where he established a reputation as an astute theologian.

Born in Lancashire, he is at home in the North-west where he is regarded as accessible and down to earth. He has built up a reputation for imaginative development of church teaching.

Bishop Kelly will play a crucial role in the Catholic Church in England into the next millennium, particularly as Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has intimated that he would like to retire.

His appointment also leaves the way open for one of the other front runners for the Liverpool job, Vincent Nichols, Bishop of North London, to take over at Westminster.



Patrick Kelly: conservative with social concerns



The Wellcome wing, to be built at the Science Museum in London by 2000 at a cost of £44 million, has attracted the biggest lottery award so far to the sciences

# £23m lottery cash to house the future

Science Museum plans millennium wing for tomorrow's findings. Tim Radford reports

**T**HE Science Museum in London is to get £23 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a new £44 million wing to display inventions and discoveries that have yet to be made. It is the biggest lottery award to a museum so far and the biggest single award to the sciences. It will be added to £16 million promised by the Wellcome Foundation for the Wellcome wing, to be opened in 2000. The museum has 250,000 objects, including 112,000 items collected by Sir Henry Wellcome, founder of the pharmaceutical company.

Some of the museum's existing collection will furnish a new gallery to tell the "story so far", as a gateway to the science of the future in the new wing. This is likely to be science from the cutting edge: artificial intelligence, biomedicine, biotechnology and nanotechnology.

Scientists now are inserting luminescence genes from jellyfish into cereal plants to make them glow when stressed by fungus attack, and

sticking "antifreeze" genes from arctic flounder into fruit so that crops can withstand late frosts. Others are contemplating machines that could cruise the arteries, dismantling clots and eliminating coronary thromboses.

The museum's dilemma has lain in its role of preserving the science of the past and explaining the science of the future. "We are also collecting the stuff of today, so most of the objects in the Wellcome wing have not been acquired yet," said Sir Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum, yesterday. "Some have not been invented yet. Some will come straight off the pro-

duction line. In fact our collectors get things before they get on to the production line."

The museum's collection — hardly more than one tenth is on show — includes the instruments collected for George III, relics of the US Apollo space programme and the famous steam engines of the industrial revolution.

Some of it is housed in an old government building near Olympia in London; other stuff, including a Pan American Constellation airliner and a run of BSA motorcycles, occupies hangars at an airfield near Swindon.

The London museum, in South Kensington, is also

headquarters of the National Museum of Science and Industry, which includes the National Railway Museum in York and the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford.

One relic at South Kensington is the model of the double helix built by Francis Crick and James Watson in Cambridge when they deciphered the structure of DNA.

The museum attracted 1.6 million visitors in the year to March 31, an increase of 20 per cent on the previous year. It puts the Science Museum sixth on the British Tourist Authority's list of attractions that charge for admission.

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## Great house 'left to rot'

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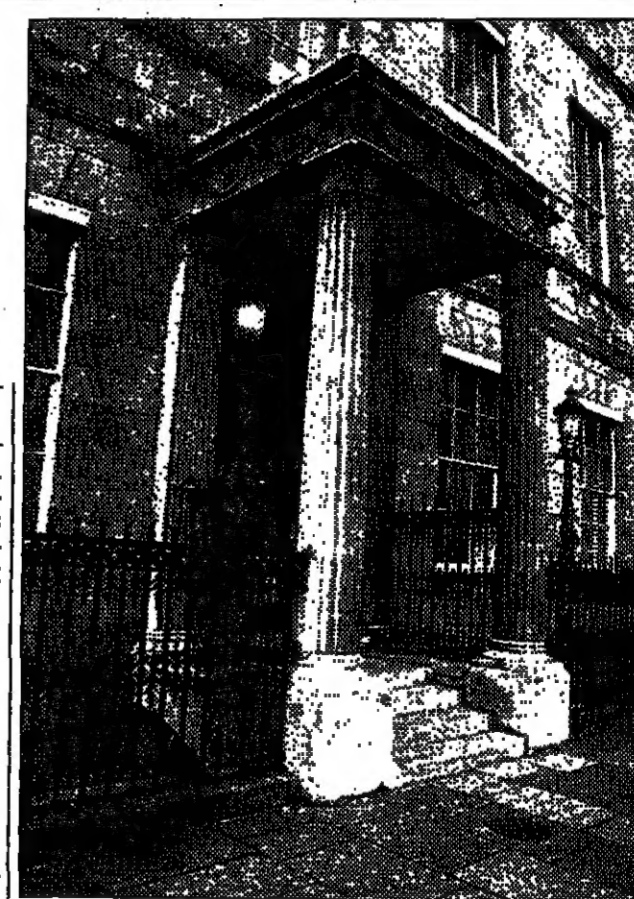
**E**NGLISH Heritage yesterday served a compulsory purchase order on a Grade I listed Robert Adam mansion in central London left empty and decaying for five years by a Nigerian-backed investment company.

Both sides agree that Chandos House in Queen Anne Street, Westminster, has been neglected for years, but English Heritage said it was forced to act because it is rotting — while the owners say repairs have started.

A spokesman for owners Fairgate Investments, an offshore investment firm chaired by Nigerian Chief Akindele, said it was "a long sorry saga", but repairs had begun this week and they were prepared to spend £3 million on full restoration.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said yesterday: "We are not prepared to see this outstanding building suffer any longer from disgraceful neglect by the owner."

Chandos House was bought by Fairgate Investments for a reported £6 million in the late 1980s, just before the property boom collapsed. Company spokesman Michael Simmons, who called the purchase an aberration, said it had cost his clients a fortune



Chandos House in London, which, according to English Heritage, has fallen into decay under its Nigerian owners

as "the most expensive pigeon roost in London".

A proposal to convert it into a hotel failed, and the firm was unwilling to sell for less than it paid. If the compulsory purchase succeeds it could lose up to half the purchase price, but can appeal to the Environment Secretary against the order.

English Heritage would pay an independently assessed market price, less the cost of repairs estimated at £900,000. The property, built by the Adam brothers in 1769, is one

of the best surviving Georgian town houses and was first occupied by the third Duke of Chandos in 1774.

From 1815 to 1871 it was the embassy of the Austro-Hungarian empire, and the setting for famous parties given by Prince Esterhazy.

Of late, Chandos House appeared in Emma Thompson's film of *Sense and Sensibility*, as the London home of the Dashwood family — but damp and dry rot are now threatening the magnificent formal rooms seen on screen.

## New EC rules may threaten Rolls-Royce grille

Vivek Chaudhary

**T**HE famous Rolls-Royce front grille could become a thing of the past if new safety rules are approved by European transport ministers.

The European Commission has compiled a draft directive that says that the bonnets and front bumpers of cars should be rounded and lowered to reduce the number of pedestrians killed.

If approved, all new cars would have to meet the standards by 2005. No new cars now on sale meet the proposed requirements.

Most of the research in this field is carried out at the Transport Research Laboratory in Berkshire. Brian Hardy, a scientist there, said: "The new regulations would affect all cars at the moment the EC is backing them but we are having to fight certain battles."

"Some cars like Rolls-

Royce, with their upright fronts would find it hard to meet the new proposals."

The main point of contention between the EC and car manufacturers was the costs involved. "We estimate that it would put an extra £11.50 on each car but the car industry claims that it would be around £1,000."

"But in terms of costs we would be saving a lot more by reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries."

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**Mary Riddell G2 cover story**

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# Man who killed four to be deported to Glasgow Parole is likely for multiple murderer

John Mullin

ONE OF Australia's most notorious multiple murderers will be deported to Scotland if his plea for parole is accepted this week. He will settle in Glasgow.

It is the fifth time Archie McCafferty has tried to gain his freedom following his convictions for three murders and a manslaughter. The indications in Sydney are that he will succeed, after 23 years. The minimum term was 20 years.

The Australian authorities have already contacted Glasgow city council to ask that it house McCafferty, now in his mid-40s. The council said yesterday it had a legal obligation to do so.

Neighbours of one of McCafferty's cousins are angry about his plans to allow the murderer to stay at his Glasgow flat while he waits to get his own home. Other relatives want nothing to do with him.

McCafferty emigrated with his parents from Glasgow to Australia when he was 10, but never applied for citizenship. His mother, Clementine, aged 71, still lives in Sydney and believes he is reformed. Officials said he would be given a one-way ticket to Scotland.

He told his latest hearing before the New South Wales Offenders Review Board: "For what happened 23 years ago, I can't apologise enough. I have no inkling to hurt any person. I haven't thought about that since 1978/79."

He turned to murder after his son Craig died in 1973, smothered at six weeks when his mother fell asleep when breast-feeding and rolled on him. He left his wife and led a gang of teenagers, and was



Archie McCafferty: served 23 years of life sentence

Heavily tranquillised at his committal hearing, he asked to make a statement. He said he wanted to cut off the head of one barrister. He explained that would put him close to his target of seven.

Three prison psychiatrists disagreed over his sanity but agreed he should never be released.

The jury decided he was sane. McCafferty shouted from the dock he would kill another four.

He was convicted of the manslaughter of another prisoner, which he denies. Staff at Berrima, one of Australia's oldest jails, say he had been a model prisoner for 15 years.

A young married Christian couple who took him on a day out with prison permission, were left shaken when he spoke of his crimes.

William Ward, a retired judge, and the board's chairman, rejected McCafferty's last application in 1994. The board was not satisfied his violent urges had passed. But this week's decision will take into account new evidence on McCafferty's behaviour.



Nick Goulden of Sotheby's with an early 20th century birdcage to be auctioned at a sale at Billingshurst, West Sussex, today. PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER BAMBER

## Headstone plea after first black soccer player is traced to pauper's grave

John Duncan  
Sports Correspondent

AN APPEAL has been launched to buy a headstone for the grave of Britain's first black footballer, Arthur Wharton, who died of cancer in 1930 and was buried in an unmarked pauper's grave.

The fund has been started by the Sheffield-based campaign Football Unites, Racism Divides, which was launched last month to win greater access for black people in Sheffield to watch and play football.

Wharton played in goal for Preston North End, Sheffield United, Rotherham Town, Doncaster Rovers and Stockport County in a career that began in 1886.

The grave was discovered by Wharton's niece, Sheila Leeson, after Phil Vassili, who is writing a book on black British footballers, placed an advert in the Rotherham Advertiser asking for information.

Wharton suffered the racist abuse that was to be felt by the modern wave of black British footballers — he was once put in hospital by opposition Rotherham Swifts fans who kicked him in his first season at Rotherham Town.

Milton Brown, who is co-ordinating the fundraising



Arthur Wharton, sprinter

efforts, will ask black professionals to assist in the appeal. "Wharton broke new ground for black sportsmen when ignorance was the order of the day."

Wharton, whose father was a Wesleyan missionary from Grenada and whose mother was the daughter of a Scottish trader, was also a British sprint champion and set an unofficial record for the 100 yards at Stamford Bridge in July 1886, finishing at 10 seconds for heats and final.

He worked the last 15 years of his life as a colliery haulage hand at the Yorkshire Main colliery, near Barnsley. He was buried in Edlington, South Yorkshire.

Arthur Wharton Memorial Fund: 0114 273 5638

## MP gets Channel 4 apology

Andrew Cull  
Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 4 has been forced to make an unreserved apology to a Conservative MP after filming him beside an inflatable penis.

Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, had agreed to put on a bear costume for a spoof youth television show in the first series of the Mark Thomas Comedy Product, but he drew the line at dressing up as a penis, saying: "That is a perfect tabloid picture... if

you take a video-lift of me with this, I'm f\*\*\*ed."

In the apology, broadcast after its viewer response programme Right to Reply, Channel 4 said Mr Hayes did not know the cameras were running at the time. "It was an honest mistake, but getting the formalities right is important," a spokesman said.

The show, which sought to expose the lengths to which MPs go to court publicity, was made by the independent company Lawless Films Ltd. MPs from other parties also took part.

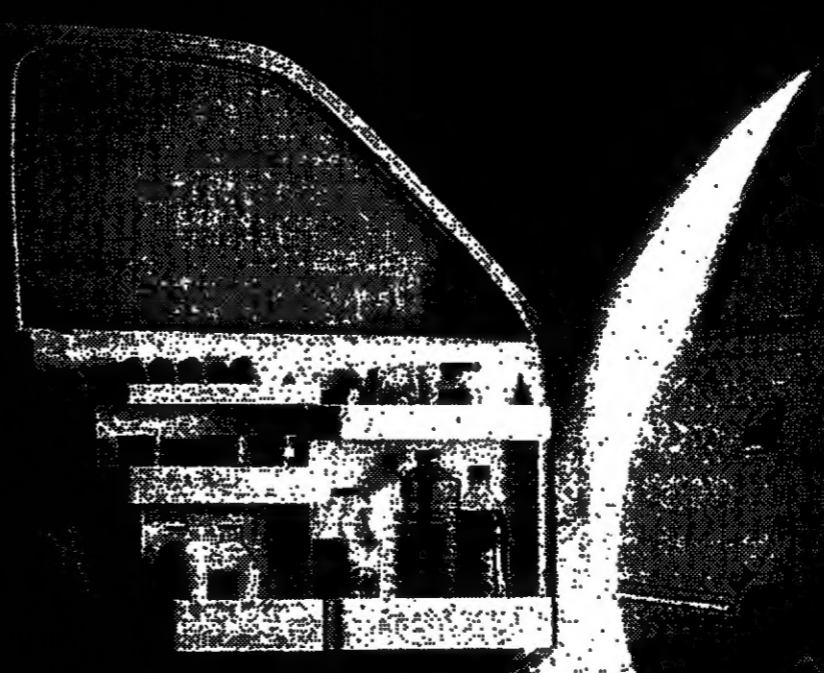
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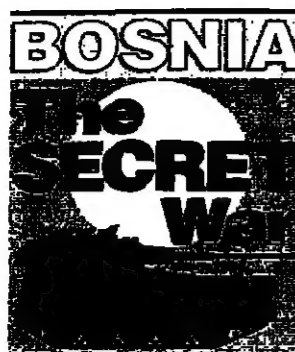


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# Tragic cost of allies' hidden hostility



### Surprised by the machinations of the Foreign Office, hawks in President Bill Clinton's new administration were belatedly able to wrest control in a fierce transatlantic battle to end the war in former Yugoslavia, writes Ed Vulliamy

**I** LEARNED to treat Britain as a hostile power," a senior official in the US state department said. "Britain was prepared to go to the wall against us on Bosnia — out to block anything, everything."

This was all-out diplomatic war, waged by Britain against her closest ally, over American attempts to intervene against the Serbs. "I came to think of the British as like having the Russians around the state department," the diplomat continued. "Your guys were usually so refined, but they were going crazy on this. I got one pre-emptive visit from a Brit about a memo I hadn't even finished writing. Damn, someone came up to me in Safeway on a Saturday and collared me about the arms embargo!"

The Bosnian crisis was spilling out of control by the time President Bill Clinton took office in January 1993, and his administration pledged to act. But his officials were confronted immediately with the monolithic power of Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, disproportionately to that of the country itself.

This backstage transatlantic struggle rent the alliance until the end of the war, when it would be concluded by the Americans with a final push from the United States ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright.

In a memo revealed by the Guardian today, Ms Albright urged the "American-led collapse of Unprofor" — the British-led UN force on the ground. The collapse duly occurred, and the Americans took control.

Britain's apparent debt to Serbia was one of the remarkable themes of the war. US

analysts and intelligence sources posit a number of explanations. There was a harking back to the second world war with a contemporary twist: to American annoyance, Belgrade had been a "mine of information on the Soviet bloc" for the British, one former US intelligence officer said.

There was also the British diplomatic formula, dating from the 19th century and the 1930s, that the strongman — however unsavoury — was the best guarantor of order in trouble spots. The exponent of policy on Bosnia was the Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, and his main architect was Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, the Foreign Office's political director, who had a British intelligence background. The premise was that the Serbs had to be dealt with, not defeated.

**B**y comparison, Mr Clinton's team was inexperienced and divided. The national security adviser, Anthony Lake, "saw Bosnia as a moral dilemma," said an aide; the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, was a pragmatist *par excellence*; and the president himself was embarrassingly green. However, the hawkish "air strike" wing of American policy-makers — Ms Albright at the UN and a generation of young staffers — was confident enough.

The British had moved in early, responding to the turmoil over Serbian concentration camps. The Prime Minister, John Major, called the London Conference of August 1992. "The temperature was rising," a diplomat on the US team said. "We went hoping there was going to be a turn for the better."

Viktor Jackovitch, later America's first ambassador to

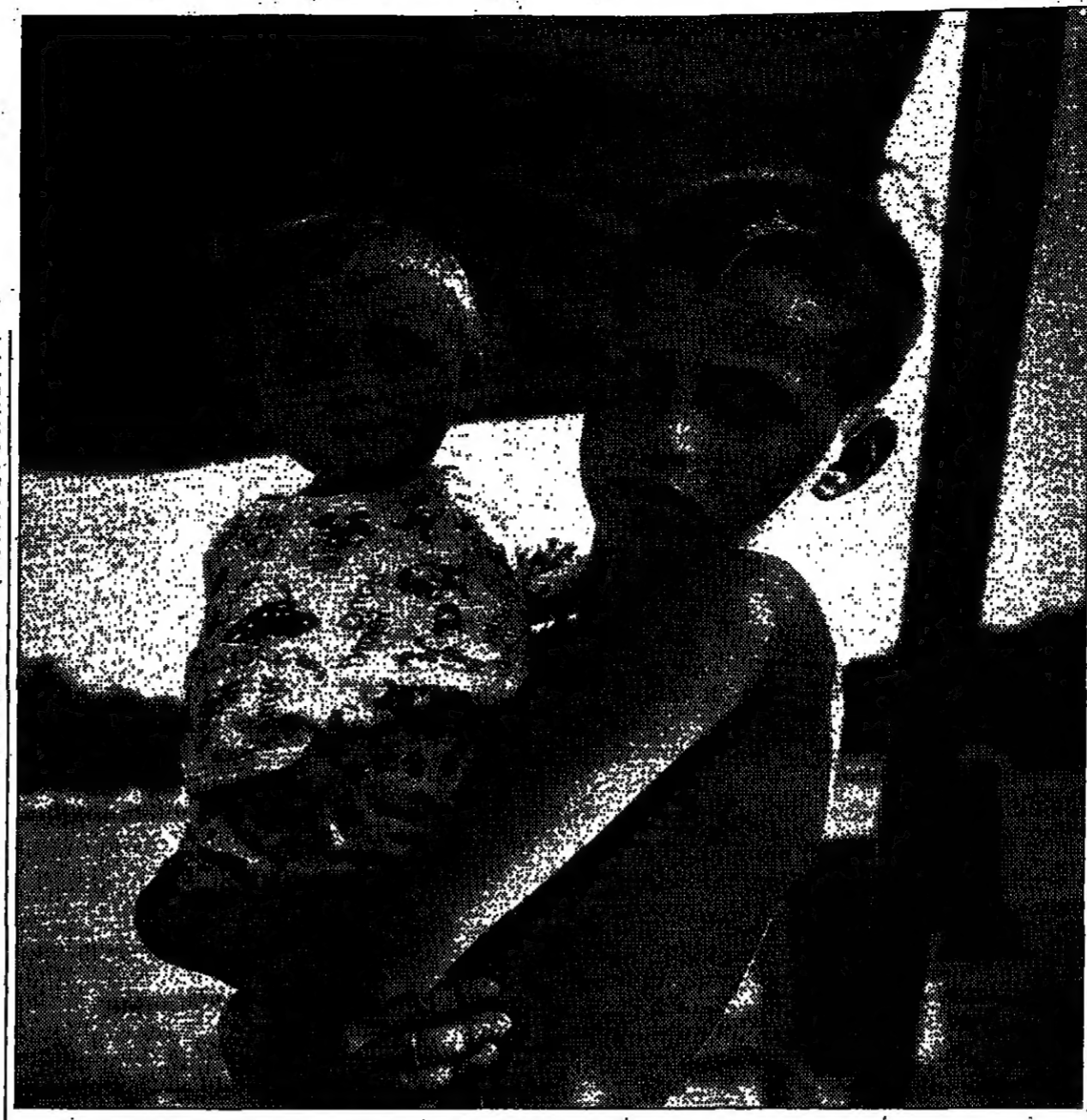
Sarajevo, and now in Slovenia, recalled: "We had difficulty finding out what London was trying to do. It was hard to get information about the agenda. When we got there we realised what was happening: a pressure valve. Allow the Serbs to make promises and accept them knowing they had no intention of keeping them. It was a landmark in handling the war, and brilliant by the British — a beginning of the policy of doing nothing."

The administration's initial hallmark was "lift and strike" — lift the arms embargo on Bosnia's Muslims, and hit the Serbs from the air. The British contested both. President Clinton took the idea to the brink during the Srebrenica débâcle of spring 1993, only to pull back and host a summit which established "safe areas".

By now, Mr Clinton was spinning like a weathercock in a gale between rival camps in his own capital and the British, headed by Mr Hurd. However, a European compromise over "lift and strike" was closer than has been supposed. Mr Major had visited Mr Clinton on February 24, 1993. A source inside the meeting told the Guardian they struck a deal: Mr Major would back air strikes if Mr Clinton maintained the embargo.

The accord was stillborn. Days later, a US diplomat held a party, and invited a senior British colleague. "We won, we got 'strike'," the host crowed. The reply came: "Oh, that Clinton-Major thing. Hurd has turned it all around." The Prime Minister's deal, he said, had been overruled by the Foreign Secretary. "Every time we kicked the tyres from under the Brits, we got Hurd," a witness to the deal said.

The British opposed almost every American initiative: even airdrops of food, let alone



A brother and sister seek refuge in Tuzla after last year's Serb onslaught against Srebrenica. PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER HUTCHINGS

air strikes. One of Ms Albright's aides said British foreign policy "enacted through the UN. The British would find the lowest common denominator, the least action possible, knowing that was what the UN would go for."

The strategy was so successful that when Ms Albright queried the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, over reluctance to authorise air power, he replied: "My hands are tied."

The commanders take orders from London and Paris. A US official at the UN revealed that Britain's ambassador in New York, Sir David Hannay, was author of crucial clauses to the "safe areas" resolution which specified that Unprofor and Nato could only use force in response to attacks against UN soldiers, not against the "safe areas" themselves. This rule would lead to the denial of successive air-strike requests, including that for strikes against the Serbs advancing on Srebrenica in 1995.

Washington was mired in confusion. The state department was losing some of its brightest, youngest and best in a spate of resignations among pro-Bosnia hawks infuriated by what they saw as an apparent convergence between American bluff and European neutrality.

The former ambassador to Belgrade, Warren Zimmermann, now accuses Mr Clinton of "welcoming Europe's opposition to air power, so he could sound tough but not do anything". The secretary of state, Mr Christopher, was "bouncing back and forth, pragmatic to the point of culpable inconsistency," according to Mr Zimmermann.

Meanwhile, a hidden, separate pincer movement was initiated in January by Ms Albright and the US ambassador in Zagreb, Peter Galbraith, flanked by the bombastic special envoy Richard Holbrooke. In the event, they outflanked the British, and ended the Dayton accord.

How was it done? The fundamental British defence of its actions all along had been that America deployed no ground troops in Bosnia, whereas the British army was the backbone of Unprofor, and vulnerable. The Albright-Galbraith plan was this: get Unprofor soldiers out of harm's way so that air attacks could be escalated.

During the hostage crisis of May 1995 — with UN soldiers chained to limps — Mr Galbraith lobbied the UN envoy, Yasushi Akashi, to pull his men back for fighter bombers to get a free run. Mr Akashi rejected the idea but, to his horror and that of the British government, the new British commander of Unprofor, General Rupert Smith, had sided with Mr Galbraith.

**G**EN Smith was dealing unofficially with the Americans, and one of Ms Albright's aides recalls a meeting at which the general told her: "Madam, I am not one of those with a big mouth and small stick." One of the few allies of the hawks in the Pentagon was the chief of the navy, Admiral Mike Boorda, who committed suicide last week. He had fine-tuned plans for intervention, and now there was a stand-off between Adm Boorda and Sir David Hannay in New York.

Adm Boorda insisted that Unprofor could be deployed in such a way that bombers could strike. Sir David replied that he doubted the admiral would risk American lives in

that way. "I am offended that you think I would risk a British soldier's life any more than an American's," Adm Boorda thundered.

Ms Albright, according to one aide, would instruct her staff "to find out every day how many UN forces were still on Serb territory — until after Srebrenica in July 1995, when the figure was zero".

Mr Holbrooke and Ms Albright were also engaged in a piece of diplomatic engineering involving France. A US diplomat explained: "There was only one thing the British feared — a Franco-American alliance that left them out. We said to Holbrooke, 'If you want to do something about London, go to Paris.' The newly elected president, Jacques Chirac, duly came in behind the Americans.

On the ground, Mr Galbraith was negotiating with Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman, on the future of the Serb-occupied Croatian Krajina. During the 1994 Bihac crisis, when the town was savaged by Serb artillery based in Croatia, Mr Galbraith recalled: "I went to the president and said I had a request unprecedented in the history of diplomacy — 'May we bomb your country?' He said: 'Let's do it!'"

Now, in the summer of 1995, there was another Serbian push against throttled Bihac, and Mr Galbraith feared that if the Serbs took it "we faced another Srebrenica, involving 40,000 people".

The key to saving Bihac was to take the Krajina, and the state department con-

ceded "that if Nato was not prepared to save Bihac, we had no reason to stop the Croats from doing so". The Croats were the only people around who could strike the fear of God into the Serbs.

The crunch finally came for Mr Clinton when his emissary, Bob Frasure, and two other diplomats were killed in a car crash near Sarajevo. "It was a domestic agenda for Clinton, and a domestic loss pushed him over the edge," one official said. Domestic *realpolitik* now dictated that Mr Clinton "needed to turn this into a leadership question. He was going to pay a domestic price if he didn't pull something out of the hat."

Ms Albright moved into the breach. The president asked for three memoranda from her, from Walter Slocombe, the assistant secretary of state for defence policy, and from the state department. They would be reviewed at a meeting over the first weekend of August 1995. Ms Albright produced what was to prove a dramatic and conclusive manifesto, marked "Secret" and addressed to Anthony Lake. Eight pages long, it was the blueprint for the end of the war.

**T**HE memo, seen by the Guardian, lays out a managed "collapse of Unprofor", replaced by a two-pronged US "diplomatic and military initiative". It begins with an astonishingly frank submission that a continued Unprofor presence is "no longer in America's interests". The tone is impatient with the "European-led failure" to find a solution. "This time, to muddle through is not enough," she wrote.

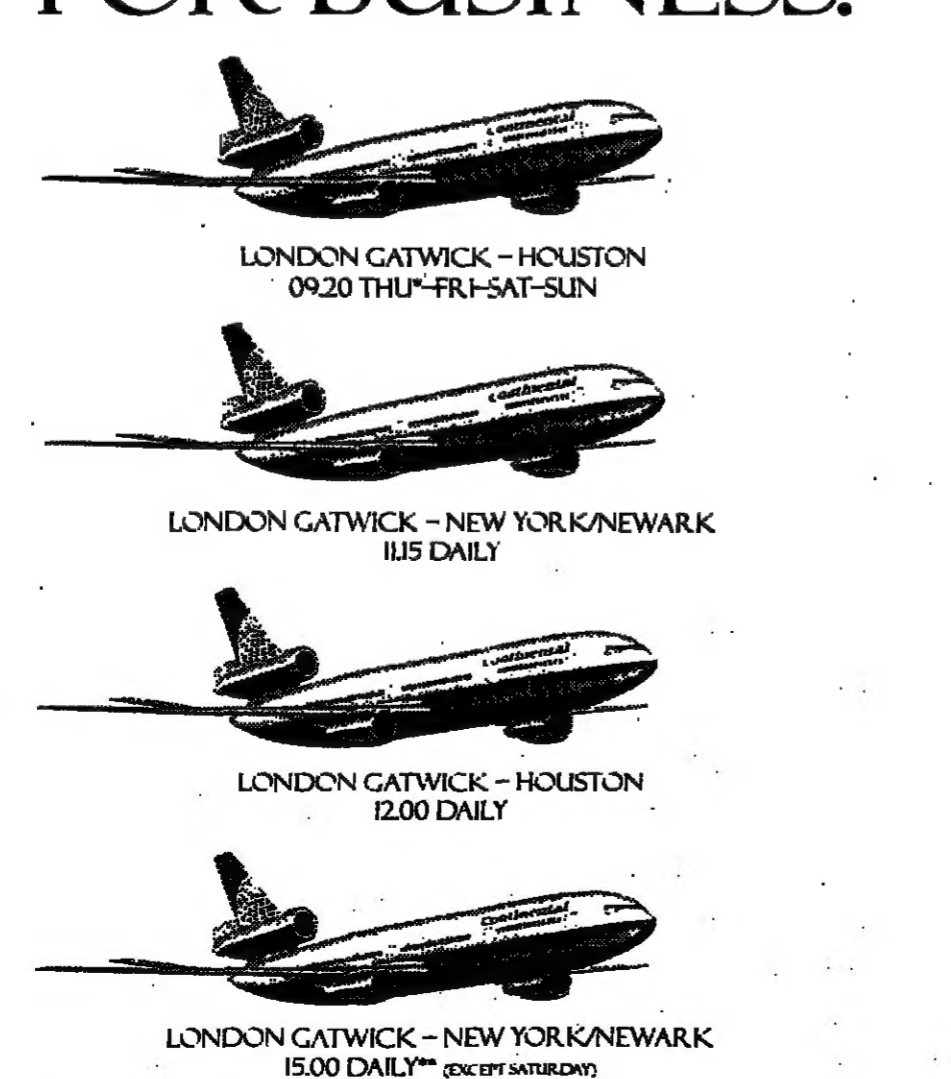
Ms Albright suggested "American-led" action. She noted that US troops were to be deployed anyway in the event of Unprofor's withdrawal. The deployment, she argued, should be "on our terms", not on Unprofor's. There follows a description of sticks and carrots on offer to all warring parties, with one big stick in particular: "Action: US military intervention by air and land. Unprofor is given another six months before it is sacked."

An aide to Ms Albright paraphrased the thinking: "Europe had us over a barrel, because they could say 'We are Unprofor'. Now our answer was: 'Then we'll get rid of Unprofor'."

The memo took the Contact Group's demarcation of the Muslim-Croat federation and the "Serbian entity" as the working map. There might have to be trading of territory, the ambassador's memo stated. She even offered the Gorade polest (seized by the Bosnian army under General Sarajevic and in central Bosnia. The memo admitted that "population transfer" might have to be tolerated.

The military thrust, however, was pro-Bosnian. Ms Albright called it "modified lift-and-strike", which placed the Bosnian army under American tutelage. Specialist US units were promised to establish training programmes. Nato air forces were available to support the Bosnians and Croats so long as they fought within the agreed confines. A failure in Bosnia would, she concluded, over-extend the Bosnian army under American tutelage. Specialist US units were promised to establish training programmes. Nato air forces were available to support the Bosnians and Croats so long as they fought within the agreed confines.

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## Truth panel hears amnesty pleas

**S**OUTH AFRICA'S truth and reconciliation commission moved into its second phase yesterday, hearing lawyers for two convicted murderers plead for amnesty. The killers, each serving 15 years for murdering a tribal chief in 1990, claim the crime was politically motivated. The amnesty hearings began in Phokeng township in western Transvaal at the civic centre where Chief Glad Mokoagale of the Bafokeng tribe was stabbed to death. The building was cordoned off with razor wire and armed police patrolled the township. The chairman of the five-member amnesty committee, Judge Hassen Mall, began by pointing out that the convicted men, Boy Diale and Christopher Makgale, were not being re-tried. Their lawyer, Brian Currin, said the killing took place in the context of a political campaign to overthrow Chief Lucas Mangope's corrupt Bophuthatswana government. The Bafokeng tribe owned large platinum reserves in the area. Chief Mangope, in his attempts to gain control of the tribe's wealth, had come into conflict with the Bafokeng leader, Chief Lebana Moleleki, who was driven into exile in Botswana. The Mangope administration had then appointed Chief Mokoagale tribal council chairman. On December 29, 1990, 10 members of the tribe confronted Chief Mokoagale on the steps of the civic centre. A fight broke out and he was fatally injured. The amnesty hearings opened amid concern as to whether they will be successful in teasing out the truth behind the atrocities and conspiracies of the apartheid era. But South Africa's president, Nelson Mandela, referring to the recently completed amnesty hearings at which victims of atrocities testified, said yesterday: "Already what has been revealed in the commission has given us a clear idea of what has happened in the past. You can imagine what it means to the next of kin of the victims of these excesses: people now know what happened to their loved ones. That is absolutely important if we are going to have reconciliation in the proper sense of the word." Mr Mandela said it was vital that those not receiving amnesty were "brought to book". Mr Johannesburg's reputation as one of the world's most crime-ridden cities was reinforced yesterday when Lebana Mokoagale's son, Charbel Stephan, said he wanted to return to the safety of Beirut after being beaten by robbers in the second raid on his embassy in 10 days.

Handwritten Arabic text: "الله اعلم" (Allahu A'lam)

## Troops surround palace in Bangladeshi capital General defies political master

Arshad Mahmud in Dhaka and Suzanne Goldenberg

WAR was being waged last night among Bangladesh's top politicians for control of the military, with army chief holding out against the president's order to resign. Tanks on guard around the presidential palace, and ominous troop movements reported at some provincial barracks.

With less than a month to go before Bangladesh returns to the polls for the second set of general elections this year, the power struggle threatened to worsen the political paralysis which the June 12 ballot is meant to resolve.

Moments after a televised speech in which the president, Abdur Rahman Biswas, sacked the army chief, Lieutenant-General Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim, tanks and troops were seen moving toward the presidential palace in central Dhaka.

The two men are Major-General Moshed Khan, commander of Bogra district, and Brigadier Miron Hamidur Rahman, deputy director-general of the paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles. The president accused them of "anti-army activities".

In retaliation, Gen Nasim ousted four senior officers whom he suspected of collaborating with the president. Behind Gen Nasim's sacking lies the bitter rivalry between the two leading political figures in Bangladesh—the Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina Wajed, and Begum Zia, the BNP leader who lost power in March.

President Biswas accused Gen Nasim of "involvement with political parties, indiscipline and inciting trouble among the troops". This appears to mean that he suspected the army chief of siding with the opposition firebrand, Sheikh Hasina.

Some newspapers have accused the president of running a parallel government in violation of the constitution and with the aim of undermining the caretaker government of Mohammed Habibur Rahman.

By a constitutional amendment hurriedly pushed through by Begum Zia's outgoing government, the defence portfolio was given to the president, a move that provoked condemnation from other parties.

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Officials in Lhasa were reported to be organising search parties to go door-to-door in the Tibetan capital to enforce the new ban on all images of the Dalai Lama, exiled in India for four decades but still revered in Tibet as a deity.

The Tibet Information Network, a London-based news service, reported that as many as 80 Tibetans, including Buddhist monks and nuns, were injured by Chinese security forces in a clash last week.

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China's foes are vocal. The rightwing Republican Pat Buchanan condemned Mr Clinton's "shameful appeasement" and a California Congressman, Dana Rohrabacher, warned that he expected the US would be "at war with China within the decade".

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## Tribal fault lines under Israel's poll landscape

Derek Brown and Jessica Berry in Jerusalem

THE government that emerges from Israel's general election on May 29 will be a fragile coalition — that much is made certain by an election system which reflects the country's ethnic, religious and ideological divisions.

The politicians and the pundits are already busily putting together putative alliances around the two candidates for prime minister, Shimon Peres, the Labour incumbent, and Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, of the right-wing Likud bloc.

For the first time in Israel's 48 years, each voter will have two choices: one for prime minister, and another for a party list. The new system is expected to benefit the smaller groups vying for the attention of the electorate.

### Election factfile

**● Polling day** May 29  
**● Electoral system** National party lists, proportional representation. Prime minister to be directly elected, for the first time.  
**● Threshold** Electoral threshold for representation: 1.5 per cent of national vote

**● Candidates**  
Labour: Shimon Peres  
Likud: Benjamin Netanyahu  
Meretz: Haim Nevo  
Shas: Aryeh Deri  
Aguda: Shmuel Bitan  
Yisrael Beiteinu: Avigdor Lieber  
United Arab List: Ahmad Tibni  
Jewish Arab List: Yehoshua Steinitz  
Democratic Party: Yoram Lior-Hadani  
Green Party: Yoram Lior-Hadani  
New Party: Yoram Lior-Hadani  
United Front: Yoram Lior-Hadani  
Arab Party: Yoram Lior-Hadani

Some, like the party which rails against the tyranny of banks, may be safely discounted. Others will have a strong claim to the loyalty of well-defined sections of the electorate.

### News in brief

#### Dole vows to oust Castro and end 'reign of terror'

THE Republican presidential nominee Robert Dole has vowed to overthrow the regime of his fellow septuagenarian, Fidel Castro, of Cuba.

#### Briton among freed captives

THREE aid workers, including one Briton, kidnapped 10 days ago in the self-declared African republic of Somalia, have been released.

#### Bomb kills one

A bomb blast at a bus stop killed an army sergeant and narrowly missed a busload of soldiers yesterday in the southern Spanish city of Cordoba.

#### Pinochet claim

Former Chilean dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, aged 80, may seek the presidency again in 1993.

#### Property claim

Discounts on properties bought by Singapore's elder statesman, Lee Kuan Yew, and his son, Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, were unsolicited.

#### Logging move

Indonesia's forestry sector is to modify logging practices in response to concerns that current harvesting rates are unsustainable.

#### Warlord jailed

A Beirut court sentenced the former Christian warlord, Samir Geagea, and four others to death yesterday for the killing of a former militia member.

#### Prayers for rain

Daily power cuts have become so bad in Sri Lanka, thanks to a monsoon being late, that government officials have joined Buddhist monks in praying for rain.

## Heseltine urged to raise Tibet repression

Andrew Higgins in Beijing

TIBETAN activists and the Labour Party last night urged Michael Heseltine to raise the Beijing authorities latest crackdown on supporters of the Dalai Lama when he meets China's prime minister, Li Peng, today.

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Diary Matthew Norman

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SPEAKING OF THE Sun, I am amused to note that paper's wounded response to Robin Cook...

AN insolent letter arrives, bearing the familiar signature of Dr Julian Lewis...

IN OKI magazine, down-market rival to Esquire, we chance upon one of the hidden gems of modern journalism...

HOW good to see claims that is has become a tame New Labour mouthpiece...

READER reports observing a curious man in a dark coat...



Money matters on the campus

Commentary John Gray

LABOUR'S decision to end free university degrees should be welcomed...

higher education into a centrally planned economy. This has left universities over-bureaucratised...

remote, but on which they and their institutions are then assessed. The apparatus which now oversees universities...

including those of the former communist bloc. Labour's commitment to continued university expansion rests on the belief that it advances social mobility...

RISK in much current thinking about universities is that they are being asked to help solve economic problems over which their leverage is negligible...

education policies which offer more than they deliver is political. Policies which promise distant economic benefits from public spending on universities invite scepticism...

No western industrial society has yet reconciled the pursuit of technological productivity, forced on us all by unrelenting global competition...

Business as usual versus human rights



IT WAS one of those unhappy coincidences of timing that even spin doctors can do little to affect the US administration is braced for another battle with Congress...

Dalai Lama. Other major monasteries have been closed to outsiders, and the armed patrols that have been on the streets of Lhasa for more than a week have not yet succeeded in their mission to educate the faithful in this elementary spiritual point...



Back in the USSR

Ken Livingstone finds Gennady Zyuganov, Communist and the popular choice to replace Boris Yeltsin, to be patriotic, controlled, firm - and more than a little like Tony Blair

IT IS normally unheard of for a humble back-bencher to be granted an hour-long interview with the party leader. He is in excellent form, passionate and convincing as he talks about his concerns...

the electoral fraud conducted by Yeltsin's supporters. Most estimates say 10 to 15 per cent of the vote can be rigged - and if last December's parliamentary elections are anything to go by, this is true...

who held all the keys to relations between the Communists and the patriots. He firmly repositioned the Communist Party as the patriotic defender of Russia, winning over millions of ordinary people who were originally seduced by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and the extreme right...

John Gray is a fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. His books include Enlightenment's Wake (Routledge). Hugo Young is away

would be foolish to misjudge the Dalai Lama. As it happens, the Dalai Lama, who will clearly stop at nothing in pursuit of his terrorist agenda, was visiting the Pope yesterday...

FZyuganov has a potential Achilles' heel, it is the economy. Corruption and nepotism are rampant...

He believes the state should retain "control" over the major industries, but there is not even a hint of desire to return to a monopoly nationalised economy...

At the risk of shocking some people, I believe Zyuganov would be more democratic than the present regime for two reasons. First, he wishes to reduce the present arbitrary power concentrated in the presidency and the mayors of big cities...

By trying artificially to prop up the utterly corrupt Yeltsin administration, western governments will make the reaction against them stronger when change finally comes. Perhaps we need a refresher course on the consequences of western support for the Shah of Iran.

Ken Livingstone is Labour MP for Brent East

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# FinanceGuardian

## Highest earners turn down inflation-busting pay deal as airline unveils record profits



Hats off... Airline staff help chairman Sir Colin Marshall (left) and chief executive Robert Ayling celebrate record profits of £585 million

# BA pilots to ballot on strike

**Keith Harper**  
Transport Editor

**B**RITISH Airways' 3,100 pilots are threatening to bring the airline to a halt, despite being offered bonuses of up to £8,000 each as part of their share in a £94 million employee dividend, one of the biggest ever paid by a UK company.

Their entry wage is £18,000 a year, but they can earn up to £100,000 a year as captains of Concorde or long-range jumbos on BA's lucrative routes. They have rejected a 3.5 per cent pay rise, 50 per cent above the inflation rate, backed to November, and a further inflation-proof rise which would give them an automatic increase of half a point above this November's official inflation figure.

Mr Darke said: "We want a no-strings offer - one which is comparable to that being offered to the rest of the company. Flight crew have been deliberately targeted in an unnecessary and highly provocative way."

Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, said: "BA pilots are the best in Britain. They are intelligent, sensible and skilful people. I am sure they will consider the offer they have been made is a reasonable one." He was sure that, once staff had studied the impact of the dividend shareout, Balpa's announcement

BA's 55,000 staff for their efforts during the year and spoke of "countless acts of service which were well beyond the call of duty". He said there was no question of the bonus being withheld from the pilots because of the strike ballot. "They are entitled to it and it will be paid," he said.

Mr Ayling warned that BA needed to make £1 billion of savings over the next few years. It had to look at reducing costs on baggage handling and other services. "No part of the company will be unaffected," he said.



"would become a matter of history", Mr Ayling praised

# OECD snubs British stance on slave labour ban

**Larry Elliott in Paris**

**T**HE Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development will today deliver a snub to Britain by backing international action against countries that exploit child workers, use forced labour and refuse to recognise trade unions.

Freedom of association, as well as the other core labour standards cannot be considered primarily as a means to improve market efficiency, as they are fundamental rights of workers."

Britain has taken a hands-off approach to linking trade and employment rights, arguing that it threatens "back door" protectionism in the West against low-cost developing countries.

Mr Leon Brittan, European Commission vice-president with responsibility for trade matters, will, it is said, support US demands for a WTO

inquiry into possible links between labour standards and unfair trading practices.

however, that the OECD singles out a set of core standards: "elimination of child labour exploitation, prohibition of forced labour, freedom of association, the right to organise and bargain collectively, and non-discrimination in employment."

## Regulator will penalise water firms which fail to plug leaks

**Nicholas Barnister**

**W**ATER companies that fail to meet their targets for reducing leakage from their pipes face enforcement action by the industry regulator.

## Rolls thrusts into China's aero-engine market

**Industrial staff**

**R**OLLS-ROYCE, the British aero-engine maker, appeared in poll position to tap the huge market to power China's proposed new 100-seat regional jet when it signed a \$30 million (£20 million) joint venture with Aviation Industries of China (AVIC) yesterday.

# Mothers miss out on millions of Euro money for child care

**Sarah Ryle**

**B**RITISH women trying to return to work are missing out on millions of pounds of European money for child-care costs, the European Commission said yesterday.

Mr Flynn said comprehensive child-care provision was the only way to guarantee women's full participation in the labour market.

ment said this year it would allocate £755 million to a huge range of training schemes but could not say how many of these included child-care provision.

Howard Davies. Despite his belief that compulsory crèche provision would be impractical, Mr Davies said British business would have to raise its commitment to helping women stay in jobs.

## Barclays tunes in to talks about telephone-digital TV partnership

**BARCLAYS** Bank is in talks with British Sky Broadcasting and British Telecom about forming a consortium to boost the introduction of satellite digital television and encourage the use of interactive services such as home shopping and banking, writes Nicholas Barnister.

BSkyB, by far the biggest satellite TV broadcaster in the UK, is thought to be near an agreement with BT which would link phone lines with the box to provide interactive services.

"We are still exploring the potential," she said. The bank has a history of introducing Britain to new technologies, including the credit card in 1966 and the cash dispenser in 1967.

The bank described as "a secure method of data encryption". A BT spokesman said: "BT has been looking at a broad range of ways to stimulate the digital industry in the UK and at this stage it would be inappropriate to comment on rumour and speculation."

News Corporation, which controls 40 per cent of BSkyB, is already developing a satellite digital TV service with MCI. BT's 20 per cent-owned partner in the US.

## Notebook

### World watchdogs who bark in vain



Edited by Patrick Donovan

**G**IVEN that City watchdogs cannot even agree among themselves over how to police the London market, it always looked highly unlikely that the world's combined banking and security regulators would make much of their awesome task of clamping down on "Barings style" risks to the global financial system.

will take more than a meeting of G7 ministers to put this genie back in the bottle.

### Gates lives on

**I**T MIGHT not yet be the time for Bill Gates to sell up and retire to his lakeside mansion before network computers take over the world and consign Microsoft shares to the dustbin.

## Biotech billions

**B**RITISH Biotech has never made a profit. It does not even manufacture a commercial product. Its entire future hangs on the prospect of a single cancer drug. And yet the market remains so convinced that it has struck gold that today, when it announces its long-awaited research findings, its entire capitalisation is at the £2 billion mark.

This company with its one unproven product has a stock market value approaching that of the privatised Railtrack, which owns everything from Paddington station to the West Coast main line.

## Gummer calls on insurers to act as pollution police

**R**oger Cowe

**T**he Government yesterday called on the insurance industry to act as a police force in the fight against industrial pollution.

costing goods properly". He told the 100 chief executives of insurers from 15 countries that it was essential to develop ways of assessing liability, or insurers would have to become more risk-averse, which would be damaging for industry.

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# Economists see 'rich nations' lurching back to the dole queue

LARRY ELLIOTT reports from Paris on the OECD's forecasts of gloom

THE West's leading economic think tank last night responded to Europe's lurch back into recession by slashing its growth forecast for the developed world this year and next.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development warned that unemployment was back on the rise and the slowdown on the Continent could scupper the chances of achieving the Maastricht timetable for a single currency.

Sharply downgrading their forecasts of six months ago, economists at the 27-member "rich man's club" now predict that gross domestic product in the West will be 2.1 per cent up in 1996, a reduction from the 2.6 per cent they

forecast last December. With prospective 1997 growth also revised downward — from 2.8 per cent to 2.5 per cent — the OECD believes that Germany and France will fail to meet the Maastricht criteria for monetary union unless their governments go ahead with recently-announced plans to cut their budget deficits.

The OECD's outgoing secretary-general, Jean-Claude Fave, said that he still expected the single currency project to go ahead as planned in 1999, with France and Germany included in a hard core of founder members.

However, he stressed that his confidence was based on the expectation that fiscal tightening would receive the blessing of the financial markets and allow short term and

long term interest rates to fall.

According to the OECD, Germany's growth prospects this year are bleak. GDP is expected to expand by just 0.5 per cent, far slower than the 2.4 per cent pencilled in last December.

The German economy is expected to contract by 0.3 per cent in the first half of 1996, against a 2.8 per cent expansion predicted in December.

However, a cheaper mark and lower interest rates are forecast to prompt a recovery in investment and exports next year, leading to growth of 2.4 per cent.

Kumi Shigehara, the OECD's chief economist, said one factor behind the cut in the forecast for the whole of the industrialised West had

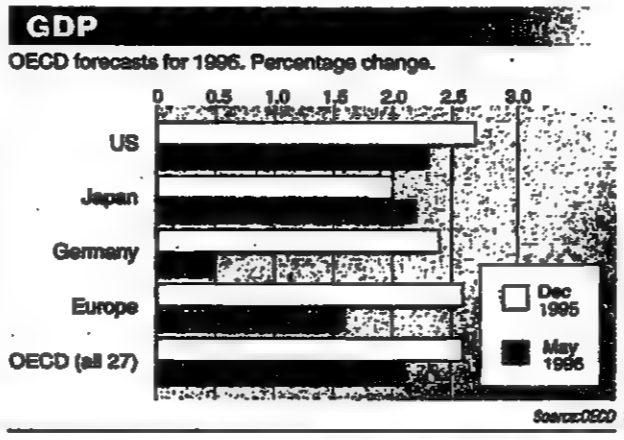
been the US's move to a different method of calculating growth and inflation figures. He admitted that the OECD had also underestimated the triple blow to growth caused by the rise in long-term interest rates in 1994, the strength

of the mark and the currency turbulence in Europe last spring.

Last night's forecasts were compiled before the recent announcements in Bonn and Paris of extensive budget cuts to comply with the Maastricht timetable, and contain detailed projections for only three OECD nations — the US, Japan and Germany.

Mr Shigehara hinted that the OECD might further revise its forecasts when a complete rundown of all 27 nations is available on June 15.

Mr Fave said that there was a growing consensus that the combination of macro-economic stability and structural reform was the key to solving the West's chronic unemployment problem.



Bus stop... Cologne public transport workers leave some 260 vehicles idle during a token strike against pay cuts



PHOTOGRAPH: ROLAND WERNER/AGF

# Strikers contest Kohl's plan for cuts

Jan Traynor in Bonn

TENS of thousands of German workers staged token strikes yesterday in an escalation of their unions' campaign for the government to scrap an austerity drive aimed at getting Germany fit for a single European currency.

Key cities in the north-western industrial heartland were paralysed by traffic jams as public transport stopped running in Cologne and Düsseldorf. Refuse piled up as collection workers struck, and universities and kindergartens in eastern Germany were also hit by the public sector stoppages.

In the current pay round, the government is seeking to win a two-year pay freeze in the 3.2 million-strong public sector, a central plank of its scheme to save DM70 billion (€35 billion) next year to curb budget deficits and state debt in line with the terms for monetary union.

The brinkmanship resumes tomorrow in further pay bargaining, with the unions demanding a 4.5 per cent rise but probably willing to settle for less than half that.

A 16 per cent rise in the planned budget deficit, caused by falling tax revenue, has caused doubts about the success of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cuts package, even while it is at the discussion stage, and the proposals are threatening to fragment the governing coalition.

While Mr Kohl's small liberal partner is urging bigger cuts, the left wing of his own party is threatening to break ranks and oppose the plan.

# Plausible remedy for cancer that could have made Sid rich without his thinking about trains

Outlook/Ian King looks at British Biotech's rise on the back of a would-be wonder drug

NEVER mind Railtrack. British Gas or National Power — Sid would have done much better over the last couple of years had he sunk the contents of his piggy bank into a biotechnology stock. In particular sector leader British Biotech.

Today will see British Biotech announce crucial "Phase II" trial results of marimastat, an anti-cancer drug it has been developing since November 1994, which, if successful, could achieve sales of

more than £2 billion. The stock market appears to have made its mind up already on what British Biotech is likely to say, marking the shares up 186p yesterday to a record closing high of £30.30. A year ago the shares, floated in 1992 at £4.25, stood at £4.32.

Amazingly, that value the company at £1.75 billion, just short of the valuation put on Railtrack after the runaway success of yesterday's flotation.

So what exactly is marimastat, this wonder drug? Technologically speaking, it is a matrix-metalloproteinase (MMP) inhibitor. More simply, it is part of a family of enzymes involved in destroying old or damaged tissues, and is thought to stop the spread of tumours without actually killing them.

According to Fran Belkwill, principal scientist at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, if marimastat proves successful, it would allow sufferers to live with cancer rather than die from it, or it could be used in conjunction with other cancer treatments like chemotherapy.

Better still, it would be

taken orally in the form of a pill, rather than any of the more unpleasant forms of cancer treatment.

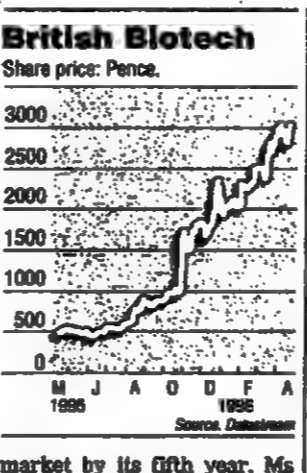
However, City analysts are split on the price tags being placed on companies most of which, like British Biotech, have not made a penny profit to date.

Sceptics argue that Britain's fledgling biotech sector is years behind its American equivalent, that many of the so-called "wonder drugs" being developed never reach the market, and that side-effects associated with others only show up towards the end of the clinical testing process.

But supporters of British Biotech, such as Julie Dickson of broker Greg Middleton, insist that this is no bubble stock.

Greg Middleton calculates that marimastat could have a potential market by 2003 of around £2.8 billion, and assuming that the drug has a 60 per cent chance of making it onto the market, should value British Biotech shares at £32.72.

Central to these calculations are further assumptions that an individual patient is treated with marimastat at an annual cost of £2,000, falling to £2,000 over the first five years of the drug's life, and that British Biotech has snaffed a 35 per cent share of the



market by its fifth year. Ms Dickson explained: "Each year, 2.9 million people are diagnosed with cancer and, on average, 60 per cent of them will die of the disease. There is a tremendous unmet medical need in cancer, as most existing therapies are both extremely unpleasant and rather ineffective."

"MMP is the buzz-word in the industry at the moment, and British Biotech is at the forefront of this drug."

What the City will be hoping to hear today is that British Biotech will be taking marimastat on to its "phase III" of testing. When a drug reaches that stage, according to Ms Dickson, it stands a 60

## News in brief

### Virgin to enter life and pensions fray

VIRGIN Direct, the financial services arm of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, is challenging traditional life insurers with the launch of four, low-cost plans, available over the phone.

The group also aims to offer pensions before the end of the year and repeat the success it has had with personal equity plans where it has £205 million under management.

But analysts said Virgin's entry into the life market will not have a serious impact on traditional insurers. — Jill Papworth

### BOC sheds loss-maker Delta

BOC, the gases and health-care group, yesterday announced the sale of its Nottingham-based biotechnology arm, Delta, for £29.8 million to Centeon LLC, a joint venture between the German pharmaceuticals group Hoechst and Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, the Franco-American drug group which last year snapped up Fisons.

Delta, which ran up losses of \$8 million during the first six months of BOC's financial year, specialises in developing and purifying proteins using yeast-based technology. — Ian King

### No flotation, says Portman

The Portman Building Society yesterday denied that it is to float on the Stock Exchange as chief executive Ken Colley said: "Our intention is to remain in the building society sector."

Portman branches witnessed a "noticeable increase" in investors opening new accounts in response to flotation speculation but Mr Colley warned: "People looking for instant profit will be disappointed if they open an account with us." — Cliff Jones

### In the can for Merthyr

SOUTH Wales has beaten off competition from France, Ireland and other parts of the UK to secure a £30 million manufacturing investment by America's leading producer of aerosol containers, US Can Corp, which makes one in every two of the three billion aerosol cans sold in America each year, plans to take a substantial share of the European market from a plant it is setting up at Merthyr Tydfil. The new factory, scheduled to start production next year, will create 120 jobs. — Geoffrey Gibbs

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### Recovery hit as vendors bid time

Cliff Jones

RECOVERY in the housing market is being held up by vendors waiting for further price increases before putting homes on the market, estate agents says.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, however, records an increase in market activity in its latest quarterly report, with recovery strongest in the South and the Midlands.

The Halifax and Nationwide building societies have recently reported four consecutive monthly price rises and chairman Jon Foulds said at the former's annual meeting yesterday that the society expects the recovery to go on.

Estate agents report little change in house prices over the last quarter but the RICS is confident that gradual price increases will encourage more people to sell.

Spokesman Ian Perry said: "As more properties come on to the market price rises will free hundreds of thousands from the negative equity trap."

### Amec chairman gets pay boost after seeing off unwelcome bid

Lisa Buckingham

SIR ALAN Cockshaw, chairman of Amec, the engineering group which fought off a £360 million takeover bid from Kvaerner in December, was given a 68.3 per cent increase in his 1995 pay packet, the group's annual report disclosed yesterday.

Sir Alan, who is now non-executive chairman of the company, saw his remuneration rise from £235,755 in 1994 to £398,673 last year.

In addition his pension contributions rose by 14 per cent to £31,200.

The annual report says that Sir Alan's £126,340 bonus for 1995 was swelled by a one-off "special bonus" of £25,000. This was the remuneration committee's attempt to recognise "the exceptional burden borne by him in 1995 following the retirement of the former group chief executive."

Amec has now appointed Peter Mason as its chief executive but profits for last year took a £4.1 million hit from the costs of defending the group against the un-

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Racing

Dr Massini the latest Derby doubt

Non Cox

DR MASSINI, one of the favourites for the Vodafone Derby following his victory at York last week, has been removed from the betting...

The Michael Stoute-trained colt pulled out lame on his off-fore leg yesterday morning. A statement from Stoute's Newmarket yard said: "The lameness is being investigated. We will issue a further statement when we are in a position to do so."

The precise nature of Dr Massini's injury should be known today after Stoute's vets have had the chance to assess the colt's condition overnight.

Larocques, who were quoting the shortest price about Dr Massini for the Derby, now offer their former 9-2 favourite at 4-1 "with a run".

However, Hill's have left Dr Massini in their betting as 5-1 second favourite behind Glory Of Dancer, who is 1-1.

Graham Sharpe, spokesman for Hill's, said: "We understand Dr Massini is sore rather than having any severe problems which should interfere with his preparation."

St Mawes may have been unsuited by the tight Chester turns when second to High Baroque, whose trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, is represented here by Legal Right.

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Cecil should soon be able to continue with a proper preparation for Epsom.

Duskybunter was cut from 6-1 to 5-1 by Ladbrokes yesterday and, in other Derby moves, St Mawes shortened to 16-1 from 25-1 with Coral.

Ranger-up in the Chester Vase, St Mawes is one of three Derby entries in the Westernster Taxi Insurance Predominant Stakes at Goodwood today, Legal Right and Rio Divida are the others.

Just as he did with Jennie here in 1993 and Pentire last year, however, Geoff Wragg can wreck any lingering Derby aspirations by winning the race with another colt who was never entered for the Derby.

Prize Giving follows the path taken by Pentire, having won the Dee Stakes at Chester on his previous start.

Despite carrying his head rather high in the finish, Prize Giving has loads of ability and seems perfectly genuine.

He had ample opportunity to shirk the issue at Chester, but Michael Hills gets on particularly well with Prize Giving and gave the colt a confident ride to beat Desert Boy last time.

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Splashing out... Olivier Panis celebrates with champagne after hitting the jackpot in Monte Carlo. LIONEL CONNOR

Motor Racing

Panis guides Ligier out of the shadows

Alan Henry on the long and winding road to Monaco win

OLIVIER PANIS'S surprise victory in Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix will go down in motor racing history not least because it established the record for a team returning from a protracted spell in the Formula One wilderness to win again.

Fifteen years had passed since Jacques Laffite won a dramatic Canadian Grand Prix at Montreal, a race that, coincidentally also took place in conditions made tricky by heavy rain.

Ligier today bear precious little resemblance to the team for which Laffite drove for all those years ago, although the 52-year-old Frenchman is retained as an advisor and still attends the races.

Founded by Guy Ligier, now 66, the team made its Formula One debut in Brazil in 1978. Ligier, a former French rugby union international, went Formula One racing in an amateur sort of way during the mid-Sixties, first in a Cooper-Maserati and later in a Brabham-Repco.

A close friend of the late President Mitterrand, he was never averse to pulling a few strings whenever he felt it was necessary. The team's Renault engine deals in the Eighties and early Nineties were the most obvious examples of his well-oiled touch.

Unquestionably, the team enjoyed a certain Gallic charm. After Laffite had dominated the Brazilian and Argentinian Grand Prix in 1979, the team somehow never managed to reproduce that same convincing form when the world championship battle returned to the circuits of Europe.

The rumour that the chief engineer Gerard Ducarouge accidentally threw away his sketchy notes on the chassis set-up, presumably scribbled on a discarded pack of Glaxo, has since passed into folklore.

As the team's performances faltered and faded during the Eighties, so Ligier himself gradually lost interest and patience. His controlling interest was sold, first to a fellow French businessman, Cyril de Rouvre, who in turn passed it on to Flavio Briatore, the chief of the Benetton team.

This was a controversial move in itself within the Formula One community, especially as several rival engineers have come to regard the current Ligier chassis as a Benetton by any other name.

However, the two teams have satisfied the sport's governing body that their cars are not the same structurally and, therefore, do not infringe the rules that states that each team must build their own machine.

Ligier himself still retains a 10 per cent team shareholding in the team. Briatore's inability to deliver that outstanding percentage prevented a deal for the entire operation being sold to Tom Walkinshaw, the former Jaguar sports car racing chief. Instead, Walkinshaw bought the rival Arrows outfit and is now making a strenuous bid to secure a supply of the Mugen Honda engines that powered Panis to victory at Monaco.

Panis won Sunday's race at the wheel of a Ligier carrying the type number JS43. The initials are in remembrance of Ligier's great friend Jo Schlesser, who was killed in a gruesome accident when his ill-prepared, air-cooled Honda crashed on the opening lap of the rain-soaked 1988 French Grand Prix at Rouen-les-Essarts.

That particular Honda type was never raced again. It must have been difficult then for Ligier to imagine that a car carrying his name, powered by a highly competitive Honda engine, would win the most prestigious grand prix of all more than a generation later.

Darley to winter in Hong Kong

KEVIN DARLEY is to ride in Hong Kong this winter after receiving confirmation that his application to ride in the colony has been accepted.

Darley said yesterday: "I've only just received confirmation that I can ride between December 1 and February 28. It will be the first visit to the colony for Darley, who is licensed to ride as a club jockey rather than being retained by a particular trainer."

"I am really looking forward to going racing out there," he added. "The opportunity to ride with the best jockeys in the world really appeals to me."

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Rugby League

Hull aim to challenge foreigner rule on field

Paul Fitzpatrick

HULL are to challenge the Rugby League's rules restricting the number of overseas players - not in court but on the field.

Under the current regulations clubs are limited to five overseas players, but Hull want to increase their foreign strength to six by signing

Glen Liddiard from South Queensland Crushers. If the former Oldham player joins them Hull intend to cite last year's Bowman ruling and field their entire overseas contingent, relieving their coach Phil Sigworth of the problem of who to leave out.

Two of their current overseas players, Dave Moffatt and Dave Webber, qualify as citizens of the European Union.

Webber, whose parents emigrated before he was born, holds a UK passport. Moffatt, through his grandparents, holds an Irish one.

"The law is quite clear," says Sigworth. "Moffatt and Webber are both European citizens so there should not be a problem. To stop them playing would be a restraint of trade and illegal."

Hull feel that to challenge the Rugby League in the courts would take up too much time and prove costly, so they plan to force the issue. That would leave the ball in the RFL's court.

The latest round in the dispute between the Australian Rugby League and Rupert Murdoch takes place on Thursday when News Corporation makes what could be

its final appeal against the decision to outlaw Super League in Australia until the year 2000.

Stuart Spruce, the 25-year-old Wigan back, believes he could be in the Bradford Bulls side to play Leeds at Odsal on Friday. "I have virtually agreed personal terms," he said. But yesterday a spokesman for Bradford said the clubs had not agreed a fee and

that the deal was deadlocked. The Bulls yesterday sold David Myers, their former Wigan, Warrington and Great Britain winger, to Salford for an undisclosed fee.

Richard Webster, the Salford and Wales forward, is keen to join the rugby union side Orrell for the winter season. Orrell may allow one of their players to go to Salford in a loan exchange.

Goodwood with form guide

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Fetherston-Godley appeals

MARTIN FETHERSTON-GODLEY is to appeal against the decision to place Xenophon Of Canaxa second after his head win over Zygote at Newbury on Sunday.

The pair bumped twice inside the final furlong but, though the interference was ruled accidental, the stewards decided that it had affected the outcome of the race and reversed the placings.

Xenophon Of Canaxa's jockey David Harrison couldn't believe the outcome. "I thought the interference was caused by the other

horse," he said. And Fetherston-Godley said: "In blustery conditions and on ground like that I think that was harsh. It was six of one and half a dozen of the other."

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Cricket

County Championship: Warwickshire v Hampshire

Reeve goes down throwing the bat

David Foot at Edgbaston

ONE would think that Dermot Reeve had quite enough to do...

But yesterday he came up with an entirely new use for a bat...

The bowler on each occasion was Hampshire's stand-in captain Raj Maru...

He had gone 11 overs before scoring and now here he was making the close-in fielder...

And then it all went wrong with what was, for him, maddening irony...

Hampshire's success should not be obscured by the theoretical peculiarities of Reeve...

and then the already modest attack was depleted still more when Winston Benjamin...

It was not all bad luck, however. Nick Knight found himself facing Milburn for the remainder of the over...

Trevor Penney spoiled his own admirable and positive innings on this slow wicket...

Maru switched his bowlers around well at the end. Hampshire crowded round the wicket...

Six for dead-eye Malcolm

DEVON MALCOLM, whose wayward bowling has become a trademark...

Malcolm twice missed the hat-trick. He got rid of Adrian Dale and Matthew Maynard...

and Robin Turner to the first aid room as the visitors scrambled a draw...



Fun and games... Kent's wicketkeeper Steve Marsh, who made 127, can afford to smile as Essex's Neil Williams fluffs a shot

Essex v Kent

Patel leads Valentine's Park massacre

DARREN ROBINSON and Stuart Law batted with such easy authority in the morning that they might have been prepared in loving memory of Ray East and David Acfield...

operated over the wicket and then found. He took five for 51 in the morning to finish with figures of six for 97 and a match analysis of 10 for 225.

Resuming on 111 for two, still 173 runs behind Kent after following on, Robinson and Law took their third-wicket stand to 157 from 58 overs before Patel bowled Robinson round his legs...

only a single all resistance drained from them. Ronnie Irani failed to score and edged his seventh delivery low to Hooper at second slip to make it 159 for five.

Golf

Montgomerie at a stroke

David Davies sees the revitalised Scot set up head-to-head with late-charging Langer

ONE shot of sheer brilliance won Colin Montgomerie his first-round match in the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf at the Oxfordshire yesterday.

Langer, two down with three to play, won the par-four 16th by getting up with a drive and three-wood and the long 17th, where Parnevik was in the water and took seven.

marie played an eight-iron perfectly, the ball pitched 138 yards, spun back and left him with a six-foot birdie putt.

holes I had just birdied the 11th with my second ball, the 12th with my first ball and I was back on top of the leaderboard.

Rugby Union

Mason strikes it rich

Robert Armstrong

SIMON MASON, the Ireland full-back, yesterday became the sixth international player to sign a substantial long-term contract.

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire

Gallian cast in heroic role

David Heppe at Trent Bridge

JASON GALLIAN, battling one-handed with his injured right hand in plaster up to the elbow, survived the last four balls from the left-arm spinner Andy Afford as Lancashire staged off defeat in a dramatic finish.

Lancashire began the day propitiously. Martin's 12 overs brought him the last six Nottinghamshire wickets for 25 runs, completing career-best figures of seven for 50.

They quickly lost Atherton, playing back to Cairns, and Crawley, who sought to advance to Bates's off-spin and skied to midwicket. Bates, who also bowled Hegg, looks a young player of substance.

Badminton

Stay-at-home players await their fates

Richard Jago

JOANNE WRIGHT, Julie Bradbury and Simon Archer, who opted to prepare for the Olympics at home rather than travel to Hong Kong to play for England in this week's world team finals, will discover if they are to be penalised this week.

Sport and Money

Jordan seeks rivers of cash

Peter Nichols

HOW much must you pay a failed baseball player, already a world sports earnings table thanks to the \$27 million he makes each year from endorsements alone.

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High earners The week's highest earning sportsmen, followed by some also runs: Michael Jordan (projected) \$28 million. Basketball.

Scoreboard

Table with columns for County Championship, Nottinghamshire v Lancashire, Gloucestershire v Somerset, Warwickshire v Hampshire, and Essex v Kent. Lists players and scores.

County Table

Table showing league positions for Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, Warwickshire, Hampshire, Essex, Kent, and Somerset.

First-Class Averages

Table showing batting and bowling averages for various players across different categories.

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# SportsGuardian

## AT LAST THE WIND DROPPED AND A BETTER THAME WAS HAD BY ALL

### Killer course loses its venom

JESPER PARNEVIK's characteristically up-turned cap captured the relatively jaunty mood yesterday at the Andersen Consulting World Championship at The Oxfordshire, a course transformed by spring sunshine after the chill and high wind that blew away so many luminaries 24 hours earlier.

The popular Swede lost at the second extra hole to Bernhard Langer, one of the casualties of the big chill in the Benson and Hedges International, but Colin Montgomerie, whose game collapsed on Sunday as he squandered a three-stroke lead, put those horrors behind him at the Thame course to beat the Italian Costantino Rocca yesterday and reach today's European Zone semi-finals.

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### Cantona: just a big fish in a little pond?



Richard Williams

HE HAD looked into his soul and his conscience, Alain Jacquet said, and he had decided to leave Eric Cantona out of the squad.

The French do these things differently. Will Terry Venables look into his soul and his conscience when he comes to decide on the inclusion in his final 22 of, say, Dennis Wise?

Here's how the French national coach explained himself: "These players have been together for some time. They've been winning, they've been making progress, they've developed a common idea of the game and an interesting collective expression. Why break up this dynamic? My choice seems logical, precise and honest."

The facts are simple. Before his eight-month suspension last year, Cantona had led France through a series of pedestrian performances marking no significant advances on the disasters of the qualifying campaign for the 1994 World Cup, in which he had also participated.

At that stage their appearance in Euro 96 was by no means assured. Deprived of force majeure of Cantona's services, Jacquet turned to younger faces. Since then France have gone 20 games without defeat, including a 10-goal thrashing of Azerbaijan and a pivotal 3-1 victory over Romania in Bucharest, and will arrive in England among the favourites for the championship.

There must nevertheless have been a temptation to include Cantona and park him among the substitutes, ready for use in an emergency. Instead Jacquet has boldly chosen to gamble without a wild card. Perhaps he felt that Cantona's presence would attract too many headlines, particularly in his adopted homeland. At this stage, nothing is worth disrupting the delicate equilibrium of a squad facing its greatest test.

Yet the war against Jacques Delors would be as nothing compared to the scorn of the Sun and the Mirror, who were calling for Cantona's deportation this time last year, if Jacquet left him out of the first game and then lost.

The coach didn't duck the issue. "Eric finished the season brilliantly," he said, "and everything said and written in praise of him was perfectly justified, but during his suspension the French team reached another dimension."

No doubt some English critics will accuse Jacquet of avoiding the challenge of coping with such a strong character. But since his first act as national coach was to offer Cantona the captaincy, and since there is no subsequent evidence of any problem between the two, that charge can hardly be sustained.

Even his French critics — including the man in France Soir who called Cantona "a shining archangel, a demi-god fallen from the heavens to remind his opponents of their human weakness" — accept that the decision to leave him out was made strictly for footballing reasons.

Yet there is a deeper message here, and one that offers a troubling verdict on English football. It was summarised in yesterday's description of Cantona by the football correspondent of Liberation: "To some, he is the world's greatest player. To others he is a big man in a little league."

CANTONA is a genuine footballing artist whose presence among us has given enormous pleasure. His positive influence on the young players at Manchester United has been considerable. But it must be doubted that he would have blossomed quite so luxuriantly had he chosen to go to Italy or Spain in 1992.

English defences, with their parade-ground mentality, might have been made to order for his particular talents. To be blunt, the real reason he stayed at Old Trafford last autumn rather than accepting the invitation to join Internazionale was not his love of Manchester or his affection for Alex Ferguson but a knowledge that the pickings would not be so rich against defenders playing a more modern, flexible game.

Still, you can't imagine Venables leaving him out of the England squad, can you? It is, I suppose, too late to get him naturalised in time for the big kick-off, although I can't see how anyone could deny instant citizenship to a chap with four Premier League and two FA Cup winner's medals.

For Cantona, there is only one consolation. At least he can take Isabelle and the kids off on holiday in the knowledge that this latest Calvary will have done nothing but endear him still further to the public that loves him best.

## Edgbaston pitch keeps TCCB on edge

David Foot on last-minute plans to move the much-maligned Birmingham wicket

EDGBASTON'S much maligned Test square is again causing anxieties barely a fortnight before the Indians come to Birmingham. Harry Brind, the TCCB inspector of pitches, visits the ground today to discuss a possible late switch of strips for the first Test on June 6.

Unexpected snags because of the uneven growth and quality of the grass, have

come as an embarrassment to Warwickshire. There were stinging rebukes and red faces last summer when West Indies won the third Test at Edgbaston by an innings inside 2½ days, with much criticism of the appearance of the pitch — shaved at each end — and its disconcerting variation in bounce. Ticket-holders felt short-changed and wanted their money back.

Warwickshire blame the

chilly spring weather for their latest problems. Dennis Amis, the county's chief executive, says: "The cold and windy climate hasn't helped. The strip we had prepared is thinly grassed."

"We've been using heavier soil to try and get harder, faster pitches but it is more difficult to grow grass in that type of soil — although we don't have the tufty grass that was the problem last year."

The intention, if Brind agrees, is to move the Test to an adjoining pitch where the grass appears more even. Warwickshire do not want

more of the obloquy they had last summer from both camps.

The BBC regards the proposed switch with some concern, however, as the proposed wicket is not wired for the stump cameras and will not be in line with the camera gantry on the pavilion roof.

Whatever happens this time round, it would need to go some to beat the drama of last July's wounds to English pride and bodies inflicted by the West Indies pace attack. Even though Ambrose broke down early on, Walsh, Bishop and Kenny Benjamin allowed

England to bat for only 74.2 overs in all.

Alec Stewart's throbbing fingers kept him out of the England second innings, which lasted 30 overs and mustered 89 runs. Jason Gal-

lian had his finger broken on his Test debut and Richard Illingworth his knuckle, while Robin Smith, who top-scored in both innings with 46 and 41, was bruised in a selection of places.

### Pitching in: verdict of '95

Mike Atherton

'It was diabolical, the poorest Test pitch I have played on. People are very disappointed. They bought tickets for Saturday and for the fourth day. I can understand their anger and they've been voicing it outside our dressing room.'

Richie Richardson

'We thought it was interesting, with the grass in the middle and looking very bare at either end. It had a lot of pace and a lot of bounce, which pleased our bowlers. It was very difficult to bat on it against our bowlers.'

Raymond Illingworth

'It was unsatisfactory. Any side in the world would have struggled. It put doubts into our batsmen's minds. People have written that it was the pitch I ordered, but what I wanted was one with even bounce.'

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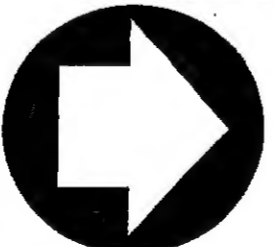


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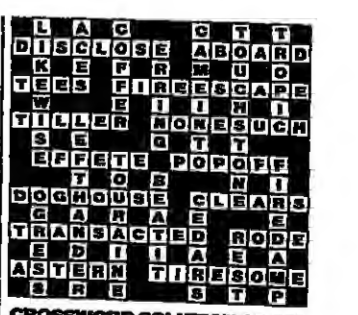
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There are three basic theories of sexual harassment suits: whistle-blowing, gold-digging and revenge. Masculine popular culture has generally favoured the second and third theories. Mark Lawson



- Across**
- 9 Old payment form Rex obtained from the Chancellor's department (8)
  - 10 Sounding like a simple Moslem leader (5)
  - 11 No-one takes part in offensive (7)
  - 12 Sort that is seen in glasses (7)
  - 13 No, no, not here (5)
  - 14 Added twist used in job (6)
  - 16 False sounds ruin Attic drama (5,10)
  - 19 Shape that's the same a month since the start of November (5)
  - 21 Hair treatment provided by barber in Seville (5)
  - 22 Reckless courage of supporter sticking to state party (7)
- Down**
- 23 Fellow embarrassed with hat on? (7)
  - 24 Everyone comes round to see a coral island (5)
  - 25 Cry when fruit gets cut out (4,1,4)



- CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,657**
- 14 Plastic surgeon, sad bird (4-6)
  - 15 Lords' feuds laid waste a German city (10)
  - 17 Italian island joined up with one Greek island, being fond of company (8)
  - 18 Birds are able to sign (8)
  - 20 Acid one, approximately? Exactly! (4,2)
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